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**2008** Tasmania  
at a glance

The island State of Tasmania lies off the south-east corner of the Australian mainland. The area of the State, including the smaller islands, is 68,102 km<sup>2</sup> or about 0.9% of the total area of Australia. It is separated from the mainland by Bass Strait, which averages 240 kilometres in width.

The remaining coastline is bounded by the Southern Ocean on the south and west and the Tasman Sea on the east. At its greatest length, Tasmania spans some 296 kilometres from north to south; at its greatest width, it is 315 kilometres from east to west.



# people

## EDUCATION

		1997	2007
Schools			
Government	no.	222	212
Non-government	no.	67	67
Students			
Government	no.	62 921	58 926
Non-government	no.	21 236	22 933
University (total enrolments)	no.	12 804	20 019
Maritime College (total enrolments)	no.	1 598	1 726
VET (number of students)	no.	26 600	na

na Not available

## INTERNET ACCESS

		2002	2006–2007
Households with home Internet access	no.	67 000	112 000
Proportion of all Tasmanian households	%	35	56

## LABOUR FORCE(a)

		2001–02	2006–07
Persons in labour force			
Total in labour force	no.	217 400	238 000
Employed	no.	198 100	224 500
Unemployed	no.	19 300	13 500
Participation rate	%	58.2	60.3
Unemployment rate	%	8.9	5.7

(a) Average of monthly original estimates

## LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

		1996	2006
Average family size - persons	no.	3.1	2.9
Total families	no.	131 000	141 000
Families with children under 15 years	no.	59 000	55 000
Lone father families with children under 15 years(a)	%	2.4	3.7
Lone mother families with children under 15 years(a)	%	18.6	19.5
Proportion of persons aged 65 years and over living alone	%	27.1	28.0
Marriages			
Rate per 1 000 population		5.6	5.4
Divorces granted			
Rate per 1 000 population		3.3	2.5

(a) Of all families with children aged under 15

## POPULATION(a)

		2002	2007
Males	no.	232 967	243 316
Females	no.	239 832	250 025
Persons	no.	472 799	493 341
0 to 14 years	no.	97 768	96 558
15 to 24 years	no.	62 615	65 278
25 to 64 years	no.	246 407	258 582
Aged 65 and over	no.	66 009	72 923
Median age of population	years	37.7	p39.1
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	no.	197 964	207 484
Greater Launceston Statistical District	no.	99 031	104 071
Burnie-Devonport Statistical District	no.	77 307	80 241

(a) Estimated resident population as at 30 June

## HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

		1996	2006
Life expectancy at birth			
Males	years	74.1	77.4
Females	years	80.0	82.3
Fertility rate (births per woman)		1.9	2.1
Standardised death rate (per 1,000 standard population)		8.6	6.8
		2001	2006
Average Medicare services processed			
Per person	no.	10.1	10.9
Per male	no.	8.0	8.9
Per female	no.	12.2	13.0
Persons with private health insurance	%	44.6	41.8

## CAUSES OF DEATH(a)

		1997	2006
Leading causes of death per 100,000 pop.			
Cancer (malignant neoplasms)	rate	244.0	193.1
Ischaemic heart disease	rate	198.6	117.0
Stroke	rate	92.7	42.9

(a) Rates are age standardised

## WAGES

		2002	2007
Total average weekly earnings (trend)			
Full-time adult employees (November)	\$	850.2	1 058.9
Increase over previous year	%	5.8	5.7
Wage Price Index			
Total hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses (2003-04=100.0) (December)		96.7	117.0

## environment

### CLIMATE, 2007(a)

		Hobart	Launceston	Burnie	Swansea	Strahan
Total rainfall	mm	550	589	761	353	1 540
Rain days	no.	137	128	147	123	221
Mean daily maximum temperature	°C	17.8	18.8	17.3	18.3	16.7
Mean daily minimum temperature	°C	9.2	7.8	10.4	8.5	8.0
Highest temperature	°C	35.2	33.7	27.9	35.0	35.7
Lowest temperature	°C	-0.4	-4.1	2.2	-1.5	-1.8

(a) Tasmanian Climate Services Centre, Bureau of Meteorology

## economy

### FINANCE

		2001–02	2006–07
State Government			
Total revenue	\$m	3 956	5 709
Total expenses	\$m	3 747	5 662
GFS Net Operating Balance	\$m	209	47
Local Government			
Total revenue	\$m	481	676
Total expenses	\$m	498	618
GFS Net Operating Balance	\$m	-16	58

### FOREIGN TRADE

		2001–02	2006–07
Total imports (customs value)	\$m	518.4	614.4
Total exports (value f.o.b.)	\$m	2 387.8	3 713.3

## PRICES

		2002	p2007
Consumer Price Index (December)			
Index number (1989–90=100)		138.0	159.2
Increase over previous year	%	3.1	2.9
		2003	p2007
Established House Price Index (December)			
Index number (2003–04=100)		99.3	143.5
Increase over previous year	%	55.4	11.1
Average Retail Prices (cents)			
December 2007		Hobart	Sydney
Bread, white loaf, sliced	650g	283	334
Milk	2 litre	346	368
Rump steak	1 kg	1 906	1 752
Lamb, leg	1 kg	937	905
Sausages	1 kg	664	561
Salmon, pink	210g can	303	250
Potatoes	1 kg	221	153
Tomatoes	1 kg	481	424
Eggs	1 doz	410	394
Coffee, instant	150g jar	772	732
Margarine, polyunsaturated	500g	279	281
Draught beer, full strength, (public bar)	285 ml glass	331	268
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	134	132

# industry

## AGRICULTURE

2005–06 2006–07

### Livestock numbers

Milk cattle	'000	203	p195
Meat cattle	'000	501	p486
Sheep and lambs	'000	2 963	p2 760
Pigs	'000	17	p20

### Production of

Red meat (carcass weight)	tonnes	73 735	80 360
Milk(a)	million litres	622	642
Wool(b)	tonnes	12 360	11 518
Barley for grain	tonnes	28 000	p15 000
Apples	tonnes	32 763	28 523

### Gross value

\$m p934 p942

(a) Dairy Australia

(b) Wool received by brokers and dealers

## BUILDING WORK DONE

2001–02 2006–07

New residential building	\$m	195.7	527.2
Alterations and additions	\$m	64.3	125.9
Non-residential building	\$m	169.2	325.5
Total building	\$m	429.2	978.6

## INDUSTRY OF EMPLOYED PERSONS (November)

2002 2007

Agriculture, forestry & fishing	'000	16.7	14.6
Mining	'000	2.2	2.5
Manufacturing	'000	21.9	25.6
Electricity, gas & water supply	'000	2.0	2.6
Construction	'000	11.6	16.0
Wholesale & retail trade	'000	40.3	42.8
Accommodation, cafes & restaurants	'000	8.8	12.9
Transport & storage	'000	7.6	8.7
Communication services	'000	2.8	2.5
Finance, insurance, property & business	'000	20.1	25.2
Government administration & defence	'000	12.3	12.0
Education	'000	16.3	20.0
Health & community services	'000	24.4	28.5
Culture, recreation & personal services	'000	14.0	16.2

## RETAIL TRADE (Trend)(a)

2001–02 2006–07

### Turnover

Food retailing	\$m	1 491.0	1 949.9
Clothing and soft goods retailing	\$m	179.5	272.0
Household goods retailing	\$m	528.9	840.2
Recreational goods retailing	\$m	195.2	278.3
Hospitality and services	\$m	383.3	510.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$m</b>	<b>3 446.9</b>	<b>4 830.9</b>

(a) Excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol etc.

## MANUFACTURING

2002–03 2005–06

Employment (end of June)	no.	21 100	21 400
Wages and salaries	\$m	862	941
Industry value added	\$m	2 055	2 237
Sales and service income	\$m	5 915	5 897

## TOURISM AND TRAVEL (12 months ending September)(a)

2004 2007

Total adult visitors to Tasmania	'000	748.5	815.2
Visitors' expenditure in Tasmania	\$m	1 093.0	1 326.2
<b>Origin</b>			
Australia	'000	642.1	702.4
International	'000	106.3	112.8
<b>Purpose</b>			
Visiting relatives/friends	'000	173.3	216.9
Holiday	'000	390.1	378.9
Conference/convention/business	'000	148.5	163.0

(a) Tasmanian Visitor Survey conducted by Tourism Tasmania. Data includes visitors who arrived on scheduled airline flights and Bass Strait ferries only

## TRANSPORT

2001–02 2006–07

Sales of new motor vehicles(a)	no.	14 620	18 933
Motor vehicles and motorcycles on register at 31 March	no.	335 057	381 226

(a) These statistics are based on the VFACTS series produced by the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries

## INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL FACTOR INCOME (current prices)

		2002	2007
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	%	8.7	4.8
Mining	%	1.7	5.3
Manufacturing	%	15.5	15.3
Electricity, gas & water supply	%	5.2	4.6
Construction	%	4.2	5.7
Wholesale trade	%	3.7	3.3
Retail trade	%	7.3	7.0
Accommodation, cafes & restaurants	%	2.7	2.6
Transport & storage	%	4.5	4.5
Communication services	%	2.8	2.4
Finance and insurance	%	5.6	5.8
Property & business services	%	5.9	6.2
Government administration & defence	%	6.0	5.9
Education	%	6.0	6.4
Health & community services	%	9.2	9.3
Cultural and recreational services	%	1.3	1.5
Personal and other services	%	2.3	2.1

## SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

°C	degrees Celsius	no.	number
doz	dozen	p	preliminary data
f.o.b	free on board	VET	Vocational Education
g	gram		and Training
GFS	Government Finance Statistics	VFACTS	Vechicle facts
kg	kilogram	%	per cent
km <sup>2</sup>	square kilometres	'000	thousands
ml	millilitre	\$	dollars
mm	millimetre	\$m	million dollars

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